## Ford Appoints A New U.S.

## Envoy to Laos

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President Ford yesterday named veteran diplomat Galen L. Stone as ambassador to Laos.

Stone will take over the post in Vientiane from Charles S. Whitehouse, named earlier to be ambassador to Thailand. The Senate must confirm Stone's appointment.

Stone, 53, is a native of Brookline, Mass. He was graduated from Harvard University and was an Army officer during World War II.

Since 1973, Stone has been deputy chief of the mission in Paris. Before that he held diplomatic posts in India and South Vietnam.

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